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- recent conversation with Guerin, French diplomatic representative at the Vatican, that he would serve as interpreter of Italian policy to the French Government and would convey the Italian Government's desire for conciliation between Italy and France.

- De Gasperi said that Guerin deplored the attitude of his Government in regard to Poland and expressed appreciation for the Italian Government's stand.

- De Gasperi further stated that in a second conversation with Guerin, he learned that the Czech Government has recognized the London Polish Government and that, according to a statement of the French Ambassador in Washington reported to the Vatican, the De Gaulle Government also will recognize it and will not dispatch a French observer to the Lublin Provisional Government, as previously reported.

- De Gasperi stated that he was told by the British Minister at the Vatican that the Christian Democratic movement internationally is becoming exceptionally important in the conflict with Russian policy. De Gasperi added that Myron Taylor had also stated to him that the movement is taking root in the United States, and that in the Pope's Christmas speech there is a militant program against the Bolshevik forces of dissolution in liberated countries.

Comment:

Anti-fascist circles in and close to the Government and the political parties are critical of the Tunis question being revived. It is regarded as a carry-over from the foreign policy of the fascist regime. Criticism of De Gasperi on this score tends to associate him closely with the conservative forces of the past regime.

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